IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR.H.L.DATTU
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.T.SANKARAN

FRIDAY, THE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 16TH BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 25712 of 2007(S)

PETITIONER:

R. GOKUL PRASAD,
SECRETARY, PEOPLES' FORUM FOR NATURAL JUSTICE
(REG.NO.TC-143/2001) RESIDING AT 7/255, "SREEHARI"
MANISSERI P.O., OTTAPPALAM, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.BINOY VASUDEVAN

RESPONDENTS:
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1. UNION OF INDIA,
REPRESENTED BY THE CABINET SECRETARY TO
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI.

2. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, RAIL BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.

3. THE CHAIRMAN,
RAILWAY BOARD, INDIAN RAILWAYS,
RAIL BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.

BY ADV. SRI.T.P.M.IBRAHIM KHAN,SR.SC, RAILWAYS
BY ASST. SOLICITOR GENERAL SHRI P. PARAMESWARAN NAIR.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 07/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

H.L. DATTU, C.J. & K.T. SANKARAN, J.

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W.P.(C) No. 25712 OF 2007

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Dated this the 7th September , 2007

J U D G M E N T

H.L. Dattu, C.J.:

The petitioner is a public spirited citizen and also a tax payer. He is before this court seeking for the following reliefs:

> *"i) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writs, directions or orders directing respondents 1 to 3 to take urgent steps to consider Exts. P2 to P4 representations submitted by the petitioner highlighting the various illegalities , irregularities and arbitrariness in the constitution of Salem division by bifurcating Palakkad division, after hearing the petitioner, State of Kerala and other affected persons, as expeditiously as possible or at any rate, before the creation of Salem division by bifurcating Palakkad division.*
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> *ii) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writs, directions or orders directing the respondents to keep in abeyance all proposals and attempts for bifurcation of Palakkad division of Indian Railways, and to constitute Salem division till a final decision is taken by respondents 1 to 3 on Exts. P2 to P4 representations submitted by the petitioner, pursuant to Ext. P1 order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.*
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> *iii) Render such other orders, as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case. "*

2. Learned counsel for the respondents-Railways, on instruction, would submit that the representation of the petitioner would be considered at the appropriate time.

3. Taking note of the submission made by the learned counsel for the respondents- Railways, this Writ Petition is disposed of, for the present.

Ordered accordingly.

H.L. DATTU,
CHIEF JUSTICE.

K.T. SANKARAN,
JUDGE.

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